

EFFECTIVE DISCIPLE?

2 Tim 2:1-2

Your goal?

- Internalize Word
- Humble spirit.
- Reproduce

As Pastor: Church members who

- Internalize Word
- Have hearing mentality
- Have a faithful spirit
- Reproduce
- Have convictions

Paul's concern for Timothy:

1. Internalize
2. Reproduce

2 Timothy 2:1

Thou Therefore: In light of all just written to you

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Be full of explosive power provided you as result of relationship to Christ Jesus.

Make sure inwardly strengthened by grace that Christ Jesus gives you!

Resources for ministry not found in yourself but in grace ...

Grace: desire and power to do God's will

How receive?

James 4:6 ...*God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

God's first work of grace – call us to repentance.

Titus 2:11; Romans 3:24

After saved, then grace of God gives desire to grow

God's grace teaches us about Christian life

Titus 2:12; Romans 5:20; Hebrews 4:16

When we need help from God He then offers us grace!

Acts 4:33

How and why Paul so mightily used of God:

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 1 Peter 5:5-6

Not easy to humble myself.

Generally God has to do humbling.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Colossians 3:16 Colossians 4:6

It is possible to neutralize God's grace or reject God's power Galatians 2:21

It is possible to get to place where God's grace has no effect in our lives.

Galatians 5:4

Humble yourself: Submit to authorities God placed over you.

When we become offended and react we allow our pride to trample on the grace which God gave for the situation. We then put ourselves in the place of reacting out of the flesh.

2 Timothy 2:2

Difference between Timothy and others – Timothy took heed!

Timothy held fast what heard.

Most in Paul's audience not the type he would disciple

Growing majority of believers ...grown apathetic... inoculated with. Word.

✚ Hardened hearts of unbelief Heb. 3:12-13

✚ Look good on outside--powerless on inside. 2 Tim. 3:5-6

✚ Fat heads--lean hearts. Deep minds--shallow hearts. 2 Tim. 3:7

✚ Can't focus on spiritual things. Heb. 5:11

Jude describes them in Jude 1:4-19

Timothy

Sat on every word

Didn't allow himself to "space out" on preaching

Thirsty for knowledge

Wanted to internalize things that Paul taught him....

On fire

Not lukewarm

Commit: deposit as a trust

Timothy is to deposit what entrusted with into lives of others.

Timothy was reproducing more stewards.

Requirement for discipleship

Faithful: trustworthy, reliable, steadfast, constant, loyal;

Conscientious; accurate, true, sincere;

Theme of 1 and 2 Timothy.

Timothy, don't pour your life into flaky individuals

God puts a high premium on faithfulness: 1 Corinthians 4:2; Numbers 12:7;

Nehemiah 7:1; Nehemiah 7:2

Why did Paul send Timothy to Corinth?

1 Corinthians 4:17 ... *Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord,*

Colossians 1:7 ... *Epaphras ... faithful minister of Christ;*

Colossians 4:9 ... *Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother,*

... *who shall be able to teach others also.*

Before a man given privilege of teaching he must be faithful.

Developing preachers

Step one: is he faithful?

Step two: equip him to teach/preach.

How tell a faithful man

1. Humble spirit learned that truth is bigger than he is.

Stedman: He will have learned that we are to set aside our own egos, that truth is not given to us in order to build up our image in the eyes of people, that we are not to manipulate people to gain standing or prestige among them, but we are to be willing to submit ourselves, to put ourselves down and not seek credit; a humble heart.

2. Internalization of Word of God...grace.

3. Hearing mentality... good listener.

Thirsty. Teachable. Searching mind.

4. Faithful spirit.

Sticks with it. He is always there... you can count on him.... His word is as good as his bond...he says he will be there, then you know he will be there. Not a Meriwether friend. One year you see him witnessing and preaching and praying and living for Jesus... 10 years later..the same thing

5. Reproduction

Timothy, find one man who is faithful and teach him:

1. Internalize Word—be strong in the grace of God.
2. Reproduce himself in others

*To help another person grow,
You have to pay a price;
It takes the giving of yourself--
And that means sacrifice. --DJD*

SO WHAT?

Faithful?

1. Humble spirit? Grace?
2. Internalizing the Word?
3. Hearing mentality?
4. Faithful spirit?
5. Reproducing?

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